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FOR: MOTION PICTURE STORAGE APPARATUS AND MOTION PICTURE

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ELECTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Election Requirement dated December 11, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, Claims 1-17, direct to a motion picture storage unit containing the components disclosed in Figure 5. Further, Applicants elect Group 1 containing Claims 1-14 and 16-17, for further examination on the merits¹. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-14 and 16-17 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ This election is made with the understanding that the Official Action at page 3, line 2 includes a typographical error in referral to Group 1 as including only Claims 1-4 and 16-17.